# **EXHIBIT A**

Plaintiff Yellowcake, Inc. ("Plaintiff" or "Yellowcake"), through its undersigned attorneys, alleges the following against Defendants:

#### **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

- 1. By this complaint, Yellowcake, a California corporation that owns, holds and exploits intellectual property, seeks redress for Defendant's direct and contributory infringement of Yellowcake's copyrighted works. Yellowcake alleges that Defendant willfully and intentionally infringed its rights in seven (7) copyrighted sound recordings registered with the United States Copyright Office ("Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works").
- 2. Defendant exploited, and continues to exploit, Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works by, *inter alia*, their unauthorized reproduction, sale, synchronization, distribution and public performance via digital transmission on online platforms, including without limitation iTunes, Apple Music, Spotify, Amazon Music and www.YouTube.com ("YouTube"). As a result, Defendant benefitted, and continues to benefit, from said unauthorized exploitations of Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works. Despite being on notice of its infringement, Defendant has refused to remedy its wrongdoing, leaving Yellowcake no alternative but to bring this action.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 3. This is a civil action in which Plaintiff seeks monetary damages and injunctive relief against Defendant for copyright infringement under the copyright laws of the United States: 17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq*.
- 4. This Court has jurisdiction under 17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*; 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question jurisdiction); and 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a) (copyright).
- 5. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over all common law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.
- 6. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant, and venue in this District is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and (d) and 28 U.S.C. § 1400(a), in that the Defendant or its agents are conducting business in this District, Yellowcake is located

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in, and conducts business in, this District, and a substantial part of the acts of infringement complained of herein occurred in this District.

#### **PARTIES**

- 7. Plaintiff is a California corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, with its principal place of business in the State of California, County of Stanislaus.
- 8. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant Hyphy Music, Inc. ("Hyphy") is a corporation for profit duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California with its principal place of business in the State of California, County of Fresno.
- 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Hyphy is in the business of selling and distributing music.

#### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- Plaintiff is primarily engaged in the business of exploiting intellectual 10. property rights.
- 11. Plaintiff Yellowcake or its predecessor in interest has always owned, maintained, and controlled the exclusive, true, and valid copyrights in Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works.
- 12. Yellowcake has complied in all respects with the provisions of the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq. Yellowcake has registered the sound recordings with the United States Copyright Office and was issued a Certificate of Registration for each copyrighted sound recording that comprises Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works.
- 13. The copyright registration information for each of Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works is annexed hereto as **Exhibit "A"**.
- 14. All of Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works are and were published with a copyright notice.
- 15. Yellowcake is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant has engaged in a number of unauthorized exploitations of Yellowcake's Copyrighted

Works in violation of Yellowcake's exclusive rights under 17 U.S.C. § 106 including
but not limited to, the sale, reproduction, synchronization, distribution, and publi
performance of Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works via digital transmission on the onlin
platforms, including but not limited to, iTunes, Apple Music, Spotify, Amazon Musi
and YouTube, without Yellowcake's authorization.

- 16. Yellowcake is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant created and/or uploaded, or caused to be created and/or uploaded, videos containing unauthorized derivative works of Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works to YouTube.
- 17. Yellowcake is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant benefitted, and continues to benefit, from said unauthorized exploitations of Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works.
- 18. In or about May and June 2020, Yellowcake notified Defendant and/or one of Defendant's agents and business affiliates of Defendant's unauthorized exploitation of Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works.
- 19. Despite having notice of its infringement, Defendant has continued its unauthorized exploitation of Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works.

#### **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### Copyright Infringement Under 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.

#### (Against Defendant)

- 20. Plaintiff Yellowcake incorporates the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 19 hereof, as though the same were set forth herein.
  - 21. This cause of action arises under 17 U.S.C. § 501.
- 22. Each of the sound recordings and albums comprising the Yellowcake Copyrighted Works was registered with the United States Copyright Office either by Yellowcake or by its predecessor in interest.
- 23. At all times relevant, Yellowcake, or its predecessor in interest, has owned Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works and has been the only owner of the exclusive rights provided under 17 U.S.C. § 106.

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	24.	Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works are sound recordings and are original
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U.S.C	C. § 102	2.

- 25. Defendant infringed Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works by reproducing, synchronizing, distributing, publicly performing, and making derivative works of Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works without authorization from Yellowcake.
- 26. By selling, reproducing, synchronizing, distributing, making derivative works of, and publicly performing by means of digital transmission, videos containing Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works, Defendant's acts violate Yellowcake's exclusive rights under 17 U.S.C. § 106.
- 27. Yellowcake has never granted Defendant the right, or otherwise authorized, Defendant to exploit Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works.
- 28. Yellowcake is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant had actual knowledge that Yellowcake was, and remains, the lawful owner of Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works.
- 29. Yellowcake is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant had actual knowledge that it did not have the rights to exploit Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works.
- 30. Defendant had actual or constructive awareness that its unauthorized use of Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works constituted infringement of Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works. Alternatively, Defendant's acts of infringement resulted from a reckless disregard for, or willful blindness to, Yellowcake's rights.
- 31. Yellowcake is entitled to an injunction restraining Defendant, its officers, directors, agents, employees, representatives, and all persons acting in concert with Defendant from further engaging in such acts of copyright infringement.
- Pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504, Yellowcake is further entitled to recover from 32. Defendant actual damages, or statutory damages in an amount up to One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) for each work infringed by Defendant.

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	33.	Pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 505, Yellowcake is further entitled to recover from
Defe	ndant t	ne reasonable attorneys' fees and legal costs incurred by Yellowcake as a
result	of De	Cendant's acts of copyright infringement.

34. Upon information and belief, Yellowcake is entitled to damages not readily ascertainable but believed to be in excess of One Million Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,050,000.00).

#### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

#### **Injunctive Relief**

#### (Against Defendant)

- 35. Plaintiff Yellowcake incorporates the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 34 hereof, as though the same were set forth herein.
- By reason of Defendant's continued willful infringement, Yellowcake has 36. sustained and will continue to sustain substantial injury, loss and damage to its ownership rights in Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works.
- 37. The conduct of Defendant is currently causing and, unless enjoined and restrained by this Court, will continue to cause Yellowcake great and irreparable injury that cannot fully be compensated or measured in money. Yellowcake has no adequate remedy at law.
- 38. Pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §§ 502 and 503, Yellowcake is entitled to injunctive relief prohibiting Defendant from further infringing Yellowcake's copyrights, and ordering Defendant to destroy all copies of Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works in its possession.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:

#### First Cause of Action:

1. For actual or statutory damages for each of Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works infringed pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504, in an amount to be elected and proven at the time of trial and believed to be in excess of One Million Fifty Thousand Dollars

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2. For exemplary or punitive damages in an amount to be established at trial according to proof.

- 3. For Plaintiff's costs in this action.
- 4. For Plaintiff's reasonable attorneys' fees incurred herein pursuant to statute.
- 5. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. Second Cause of Action:
- 1. For a temporary, preliminary and permanent injunction providing: "Defendant shall be and hereby is enjoined from directly or indirectly infringing upon Yellowcake's rights under federal or state law in Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works and any sound recording, whether now in existence or later created, that is owned or controlled by Yellowcake (or any parent, subsidiary, or affiliate record label of Yellowcake) including without limitation using the Internet, any media distribution system or any other means to reproduce, download or otherwise obtain possession of any of Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works; or to distribute, upload or otherwise make any of Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works available for distribution to the public, except pursuant to a lawful license or with the express written authority of Yellowcake. Defendant also shall destroy all copies of Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works that Defendant has downloaded, uploaded, maintained or stored in any way, without Yellowcake's express written authorization and shall destroy all copies of Yellowcake's Copyrighted Works transferred to or fixed in any physical medium or device in Defendant's possession, custody, or control."
  - 2. For Plaintiff's costs in this action.
- 3. For Plaintiff's reasonable attorneys' fees incurred herein pursuant to statute.
  - 4. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

#### DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff requests a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Dated: July 16, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

**HEFNER STARK & MAROIS, LLP** 

By:

Thomas P. Griffin, Jr., Esq.

Attorneys for Plaintiff Yellowcake

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Los Originales de San Juan	Amigos y Contrarios	14	SR0000863320	888003162808
Los Originales de San Juan	Corridos de Poca M	10	SR0000863319	889176663055
Los Originales de San Juan	Desde La Cantina de Mi Barrio (En Vivo)	15	SR0000866471	191018998417
Los Originales de San Juan	El Campesino (Album)	14	SR0000863321	190374798310
Los Originales de San Juan	Chuy Chavez y Sus Amigos	14	SR0000864338	89269600237
Los Originales de San Juan	Naci Con Suerte de Rey (Mariachi)	12	SR0000864340	758381471444
Los Originales de San Juan	Nuestra Historia (En Vivo)	16	SR0000864336	758381471451

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- I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
  - (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

  United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here. United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

  Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

  Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.
- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.
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- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity. Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

  Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.

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